life groups discussion guides revelation: the end - part 3 (chapter 7)



A peek behind our curtain

When developing these guides there is a strong effort from the writing team to create content and questions that lend themselves to deep discussion, particularly as it relates to life application of the sermon topic for a given week. Admittedly, the book of Revelation makes that a very difficult task, just due to the highly prophetic and often very symbolic nature of the book. I mean, how you learn about the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse and create some life application questions around that? I suppose it can be done, but it's certainly a job for someone a lot smarter than me.

So, I thought this might be a good time to try a different approach. And we'll get help from someone who is indeed smarter than me (by a very large margin) – Dr. Chuck Missler. Chuck and his wife Nancy operate Koinonia House, which is "dedicated to encouraging the serious study of the Bible as God's inerrant word. Covers politics, world events, and national trends from a Biblical perspective." Chuck is perhaps the most brilliant biblical teacher I have come across. And while we can always find things with any teacher about which we may disagree, I guarantee if you study along with Chuck that you will learn things you didn't know. There are many videos to his teachings available on YouTube (including his 24-session series on the book of Revelation).

Below is a link to his session on Revelation chapter 7.

I encourage you to watch it with your group and discuss what you learn in it. The YouTube video is almost an hour and 20 minutes, but the last 5 or so is a closing prayer and there is a section that between about 37:54 and 54:34 where Chuck does a VERY deep dive into how Israel became divided throughout history. It's fascinating, but pretty heady. You can skip this section if time is more at a premium. Here's where you can find the video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGOSumWb4rc

You can also search in YouTube for "Chuck Missler Revelation Session 14"

Chuck spends the first part of the lesson summarizing his teaching on the book of Revelation up to that point – and that alone is worth the price of admission! Very good stuff!

I lieu of written discussion questions, I encourage you to allow your groups to pause the video when needed to discuss points as they are made. I believe that Chuck gives plenty to think about in this teaching which will hopefully build upon what our guest speaker has brought us this week from the Kingsway pulpit.

CONCLUSION

I know this is a very different approach than we usually take for these guides. It is my prayer that the additional teaching resource that's provided here is indeed a blessing as you and your life group seek to study the book of Revelation further.